

REMARKS

Favorable consideration and allowance of the claims of the present application are respectfully requested.

Applicants observe that Claims 1-6 and 8-11 are pending in this case and that Claims 19-32 have been withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected species.

In the present Office Action, the Examiner requires information regarding the drafting of the present application, in particularly whether an initial search was performed, what types of references were considered and used in preparing the draft application, etc.

In response to the outstanding Office Action which requests information on drafting the application, applicants submit the following remarks.

No initial search was performed in the preparation of the above-identified application. In preparing the draft, the applicants considered the various references that were mentioned in the background section of the originally filed application. The concise explanation of each of the references which were considered and used in developing and preparing the present application has been described in paragraphs 0005-0016 of the originally filed application.

Applicants are submitting an Information Disclosure Statement citing each of the items mentioned in the application except for the article to H. Ishida et al. entitled "Modified Imidazoles: Degradation Inhibitors and Adhesion Promoters for Polyimide Films on Copper Substrates", J. Adhesion, Vol. 36, pp. 177-191 (1991). A copy of this article was not readily available. Applicants observe that the Ishida et al. article is discussed in paragraph 0014 of the originally filed application. Since a non-Final action

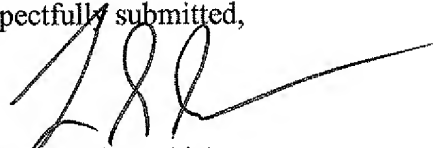
on the merits has been issued in the present case, applicants submit the fee associated with the submission of the attached information disclosure. Applicants observe that these references were not previously provided in that each of the references were considered by the applicants to be background references.

In order to aide the Examiner, the applicants provide the following key words that could be used in searching the inventive subject matter: 3D integration, adhesion promoter to polyimides, copper barriers and lamination.

Applicants believe that the above information addresses the Examiner's Office Action dated October 11, 2006.

Wherefore, consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Szivos', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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